

## Message Text

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ACTION ARA-14

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FM AMEMBASSY ASUNCION  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 1611  
INFO AMEMBASSY BUENOS AIRES

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E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: SHUM, PA  
SUBJ: MENDEZ FLEITAS DETENTION

REF: BUENOS AIRES 8669

1. AT BRIEF ENCOUNTER WITH FONMIN NOGUES NOVEMBER 16 HE ASKED  
CHARGE IF USG HAD TAKEN NOTE OF RELEASE IN ARGENTINA OF  
EPIFANIO MENDEZ FLEITAS. HE ADDED THAT NOTWITHSTANDING CLAIMS  
BY MENDEZ (SIX) THAT HE HAD BEEN ARRESTED BY THE ARGENTINE POLICE  
AT GOP'S REQUEST, THIS SIMPLY WAS NOT TRUE AND GOP HAD HAD NOTHING  
AT ALL TO DO WITH THE CASE.

2. COMMENT: AT THIS POINT WE CAN ONLY SPECULATE WHETHER NOGUES  
DISCUSSED THE MENDEZ CASE WITH GOA DURING HIS SHORT VISIT TO BA,  
OR WHETHER HE MAY IN FACT HAVE URGED GOA TO RELEASE MENDEZ BECAUSE  
OF THE UNWELCOME PUBLICITY ABROAD. ALTHOUGH THIS CASE WILL SOON  
GATHER DUST AND LOSE ITS IMMEDIACY, WE SHALL REPORT IF/WHEN WE  
CAN ANSWER EITHER QUESTION.  
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